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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 596**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Honda**  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Knox, Kuehl, Romero, and Thomson)*  
*(Coauthor: Senator Solis)*

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An act to add Section 22811 to the Education Code, and to add Section 21023.5 to the Government Code, relating to retirement.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 596, as amended, Honda. Retirement: service credits.

Under existing law, members of the State Teachers' Retirement System and the Public Employees' Retirement System may purchase additional service credit for specified types of service that are not otherwise eligible for service credit, as specified.

This bill would authorize those members to purchase additional service credit for up to 3 years of service as a volunteer in the Peace Corps or—~~Vista~~ *America Corps: Volunteers In Service To America*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 22811 is added to the Education Code, to read:

22811. A member may elect to receive credit for time served, not to exceed three years, as a volunteer in the Peace Corps or—~~Vista America Corps: Volunteers In Service To America~~, unless the member has received or is eligible to receive credit for that time in the Cash Balance Benefit Program under Part 14 (commencing with Section 26000) or another retirement system.

SEC. 2. Section 21023.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

21023.5. (a) “Public service” for purposes of this article also means time served, not to exceed three years, as a volunteer in the Peace Corps or—~~Vista America Corps: Volunteers In Service To America~~.

(b) This section shall not apply to any contracting agency nor to the employees of any contracting agency until the agency elects to be subject to this section by amendment to its contract made in the manner prescribed for approval of contracts or, in the case of contracts made after this section takes effect, by express provision in the contract making the contracting agency subject to this section.

CORRECTIONS

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